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March 13th, 1917

Dear Sir:

I am sending you a copy of a memorandum which I am forwarding to the leading Universities of Britain. It goes from a Committee of the Conference of Canadian Universities of which I am chairman. I spoke to you about the matter when you were in Toronto last autumn and you were kind enough to say that you would be glad to support the memorandum, particularly by writing to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge.

I shall be very glad, if it is not too much trouble, to have you emphasise the importance of the British Universities meeting as far as possible the needs of students from the Canadian Universities in regard to postgraduate work. I am sure you will recognise from what you have seen in your all too brief visit to Canada that the preliminary work which they do here fits them for advanced research of a high order and that it would be of immense value to have more of our students study in the Universities of the Old Land before they take up their life work with us.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

The Right Reverend
The Lord

President.

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My dear President,

On receipt of your letter with regard to the Canadian Students I at once ~~xxxxx~~ put myself into communication with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, England, and have to-day received his reply.

For some years it has been possible for Canadian and American students to come to Cambridge as research students and to obtain, after three terms, a certificate of research, and after six terms the B.A. degree. There has recently been considerable discussion on this matter, especially with regard to the reception of the Doctor's degree which the students may have received with you. The Board of Studies has now reported to the Senate in favour of establishing degrees of M.Litt. and M.Sc. for such research work. The Senate has approved the report and steps are now being taken for drafting the necessary statutes.

I hope this may be satisfactory to you and to the other Universities in Canada.

I remain,

yours very sincerely,

Stephen Leacock

The President,

The University,

Toronto.

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April 30th, 1917

Dear Lord Bishop:

Many thanks for your letter, and for your kindness in forwarding my memorandum with an endorsation from yourself to the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge. I hope that we may have a favourable reception to our request, and the indications are that this will be the case.

I would like to remind you that our particular desire is that a doctor's degree should be made possible for those who hold our arts degree after a course of graduate work in Cambridge covering three years' residence. In the United States and in France, as formerly was the case in Germany also, it was quite possible to obtain the doctor's degree within this period, and it was regarded as a successful crown to the work of the student. I do not think that a M.A. degree nor even a special master's degree, master of letters or master of science, would be satisfactory.

I think also that if it were possible for the Colleges to apportion some of their scholarships for research students from the overseas Dominions such action would be most advantageous.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

The Right Reverend Bishop of Worcester.

President.